AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A method of providing access to a resource of a computer, comprising:

receiving a request from a user to access the resource using a process having a process path;

accessing data associated with the user stored in a memory in response to the received request, the data ~~specifying one or more resources available to the process~~ comprising a process resource access table associated with the user and having an ordered list of entries specifying process paths and access rights to resources available to processes having the corresponding paths;

determining a level of access to the resource for the process by searching the list of entries in order to find a first entry matching the process path; and

providing the process with access rights to the resource specified by the matching entry ~~if the accessed data specifies that the resource is available to the process~~.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 22[[3]], wherein the process resource access table includes a ~~directory~~ resource path, and wherein the process has access rights to a resource designated by the ~~directory~~ resource path.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the process resource access table uses a meta symbol in the ~~directory~~ resource path, further comprising:

substituting the meta symbol in the ~~directory~~ resource path with data defined responsive to the process and/or the user.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the meta symbol represents an item of information selected from the set consisting of: an identification of a user

of the process; a path wildcard; a directory wildcard; a character wildcard; and a portion of a name of the resource.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the resource of the computer comprises one or more resources from the set consisting of: a data file, an application file, a digital device, and access to functionality provided by a second process executing on the computer.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the computer is utilized by a plurality of users, the plurality of users including the user, further comprising:

determining an identity of the user; and

identifying data stored in the memory specifying resources available to processes executed by the user having the determined identity.

29. (Currently amended) A system for providing access to a resource of a computer, comprising:

a memory for storing data ~~specifying one or more resources available to a process executing on the computer~~, the data comprising a process resource access table associated with a user and having an ordered list of entries specifying process paths and access rights to resources available to processes having the corresponding paths;

an interface module for receiving a request from [[a]] the user ~~of the computer~~ to access the resource using a process having a process path; and

a security module for determining a level of access to the resource for the process by searching the list of entries in order to find a first entry matching the process path, and providing the process with access rights to the resource specified by the matching entry ~~if the stored data specifies that the resource is available to the process~~.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[30]] 29, wherein the process resource access table includes a ~~directory~~ resource path, and wherein the process has access rights to a resource designated by the ~~directory~~ resource path.

32. (Currently amended) The system of claim 31, wherein the process resource access table uses a meta symbol in the ~~directory~~ resource path, and wherein the security module is adapted to:

substitute the meta symbol in the ~~directory~~ resource path with data defined responsive to the process and/or user.

33. (Previously presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the meta symbol represents an item of information selected from the set consisting of: an identification of the user; a path wildcard; a directory wildcard; a character wildcard; and a portion of a name of the resource.

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the resource of the computer comprises one or more resources from the set consisting of: a data file, an application file, a digital device, and access to functionality provided by a second process executing on the computer.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the computer is utilized by a plurality of users, the plurality of users including the user, and wherein the security module is adapted to:

determine an identity of the user; and

identify data stored in the memory specifying resources available to processes executed by the user having the determined identity.

36. (Currently amended) A computer program product having a computer-readable medium having embodied thereon program code for providing access to a resource of a computer, the program code comprising:

an interface module for receiving a request from a user to access the resource using a process having a process path;

a security module for accessing data stored in a memory, the data comprising a process resource access table associated with the user and having an ordered list of entries specifying process paths and access rights to resources available to processes having the corresponding paths ~~specifying one or more resources available to the process~~; and

wherein the security module determines a level of access to the resource for the process by searching the list of entries in order to find a first entry matching the process path, and provides the process with access rights to the resource specified by the matching entry ~~if the stored data specifies that the resource is available to the process~~.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 36[[7]], wherein the process resource access table includes a ~~directory~~ resource path, and wherein the process has access rights to a resource designated by the ~~directory~~ resource path.

39. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 38, wherein the process resource access table represents the ~~directory~~ resource path using a meta symbol, and wherein the security module is adapted to:

substitute the meta symbol in the ~~directory~~ resource path with data defined responsive to the process and/or the user.

40. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the meta symbol represents an item of information selected from the set consisting of: an identification of the user; a path wildcard; a directory wildcard; a character wildcard; and a portion of a name of the resource.

41. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the resource of the computer comprises one or more resources from the set consisting of: a data file, an application file, a digital device, and access to functionality provided by a second process executing on the computer.

42. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the computer is utilized by a plurality of users, the plurality of users including the user, and wherein the security module is adapted to:

determine an identity of the user; and

identify data stored in the memory specifying resources available to processes executed by the user having the determined identity.